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Notice of Public Workshop on the Development of a Basin Plan Amendment to Establish a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Dissolved Oxygen in the San Joaquin River

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Valley Region (Regional Board) will be holding a public workshop to discuss the development of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Sacramento River and San Joaquin River Basins (Basin Plan). This amendment proposes a control program intended to implement a Total Maximum Daily Load and bring the San Joaquin River between the City of Stockton and Disappointment Slough into compliance with the current Basin Plan dissolved oxygen objectives.

The Regional Board is the lead state agency charged with protection of water quality in the Central Valley. The Regional Board's Basin Plan contains water quality objectives and identifies programs of implementation to meet those water quality objectives. The Regional Board goes through a formal public process to amend its Basin Plans.

As currently proposed, this amendment to the Basin Plan will establish a control program for point and non point source discharges of oxygen demanding substances in the San Joaquin River watershed that have the potential to impact dissolved oxygen conditions in the Stockton Deep Water Ship Channel (DWSC). This amendment also proposes specific Regional Board actions to address the impact on oxygen demand loading capacity in the DWSC caused by the altered geometry of the DWSC and by activities that reduce flow through the DWSC.

The staff report describing the proposed Basin Plan amendments will be issued as part of the agenda package for the Regional Board meeting no later than 8 April 2004. A copy of this staff report will also be available after that date at:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/programs/tmdl/sjr_do/index.html

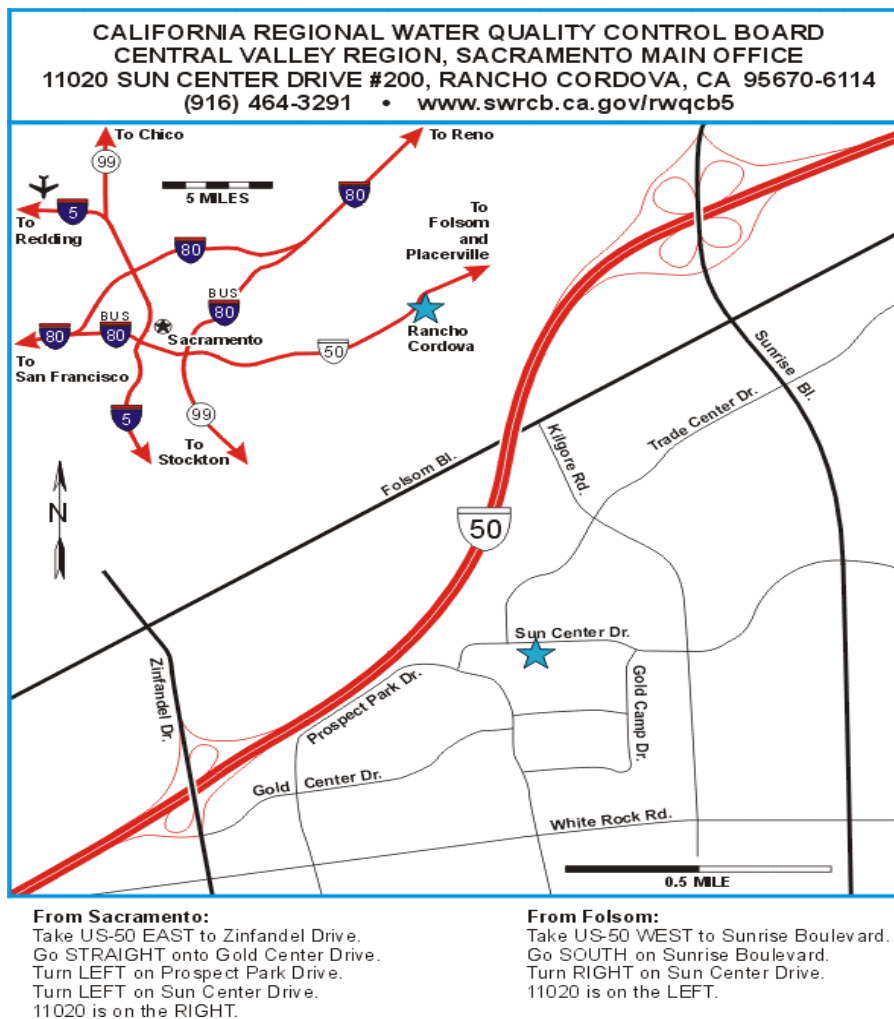
This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to provide the Regional Board with their views on the proposed Basin Plan Amendment and staff report. After this public workshop, a separate hearing will be held to consider adoption of the proposed amendment to the Basin Plan.

WHERE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
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Please note new location of Regional Board's Sacramento office – see map on next page

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WHEN: 22 April 2004 or 23 April 2004. Interested parties should check the Regional Board's web site or call Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 two weeks before the scheduled meeting for the specific time and date.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Growers or individuals interested in the factors contributing to the dissolved oxygen impairment in the San Joaquin River are encouraged to attend. This includes, but is not limited to, growers or their representatives, water district managers, wetland managers, environmental groups, government officials or others with interest in or responsibility for agricultural drainage, storm water management, wastewater treatment and disposal, San Joaquin River channel geometry modifications, water diversions or routing of flow in the San Joaquin River and the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.

If unable to attend in person, public comments for consideration at the workshop can be forwarded to Regional Board staff prior to the meeting via regular mail or via e-mail to sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov. After the public workshop, Regional Board staff requests that further

public comments regarding the Basin Plan amendment process or content be forwarded via regular mail or via e-mail to sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov by 10 May 2004.

If you wish to add or delete your name from the contact list for this TMDL, or modify the way in which you receive these notifications, please forward your request via regular mail or via e-mail to sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov

If you have technical questions related to the workshop please contact Mark Gowdy at (916) 464-4717 or Les Grober at (916) 464-4851 or send e-mail to sjrdotmdl@rb5s.swrcb.ca.gov. For administrative or logistical questions you may call Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839. The workshop facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Tanaka at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

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